

# Happy Holidays and Season's Greetings!

We hope that you are well and happy. And we hope that you had a great year, because we certainly did.

The highlight of our year was, without a doubt, our trip to the Mediterranean. Our dear friends, Kay and Bob, invited us to go along on a cruise with them, and we were delighted to go. We visited Italy, Greece, Turkey, Spain and France, all stuffed into just a few weeks. WOW, it was really wonderful!



There's no way we can show you all of our photos here, so please go to our web site, [www.rshafer.net](http://www.rshafer.net), and click on Shafer's Boring Photos. Most of the photos of our trip are on the zenfolio page. Or, you can go straight to [rshafer.zenfolio.com](http://rshafer.zenfolio.com) or [www.flickr.com/photos/miskypig/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/miskypig/).

Last year's letter had some photos of a lot of remodeling activity going on in our house. We're glad to say that it's done . . . sort of. At least most of the big chunks are done, for now. (That means, until we start another project.) Along with the dining room and living room, our TV room is finally done. This completes all of the remodeling projects on the first floor, with the exception of a little more touching up in the foyer. (And that can't take very long, can it? Ha!) Of course, there's still the upstairs to do. And when that's done, it will probably be time to start over again on the first floor. But that's getting ahead of ourselves. Meanwhile, we're very happy to finally have the TV room all finished the way we wanted it.



We're very blessed that we've all been healthy this year. Bob was selected for an experimental research program which takes nifty high tech CTA scans of his heart. We want to make sure that his plumbing overhaul will keep working at least until the warranty runs out. So far, as you can clearly see, everything looks OK!



The big trip to Europe took up most of our travel time this year. But we still managed to squeeze in a trip to Florida, for a Coast Guard Auxiliary convention, and our annual trip to Wisconsin to

commune with airplanes and annoy our relatives. While in Wisconsin, Bob tried to steal a tractor, but found that it wasn't quite fast enough for him to get very far.



It's hard to believe that Bob retired from the big TV station a year ago. It sure doesn't seem like he's retired.

He's been busier than ever, what with his Coast Guard jobs, flying, helping with the remodeling, fooling around with photography, fooling around with the Kitties, fooling around with Sue, and all. Speaking of photography, he's had some fun with that, and has had several photos published or used as official Coast Guard photos.



He's even found time to help around the house by doing some of the cooking and cleaning. Well, cooking, anyway. He did clean out the garage . . . sort of. At least Sue can get her car in there now, so that's an improvement. The landfill that is in his office is getting smaller, too. Sue continues to hold out hope.

Our Kitties have been keeping us entertained (or maybe we've been entertaining them) and we're getting our house in order - literally. We're well, and having fun. We've had a great year, and next year is looking great, too. We wish you a most

Joyous Holiday season and a safe, happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

*Sue, Bob, Booger* and **Tootsie**



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